



## ISSUE MEMORANDUM

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| <b>DATE</b>    | February 16, 2024   |
| <b>TO</b>      | Members, California State Board of Optometry (CSBO)               |
| <b>FROM</b>    | Joely Walker, Enforcement Manager                                 |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | Agenda Item #7B– Executive Officer’s Report - Enforcement Program |

The Enforcement Unit has been focusing on reducing the number of aging cases. In June 2023 there were 44 cases aged over 1,000 days, as of today there are 2 cases older than 1,000 days. Of those 2, both are in the process of being resolved. Closures of the aged cases include bringing licensees/registrant’s into compliance, receiving investigatory reports where further disciplinary action wasn’t warranted, and pursuing administrative and disciplinary actions.

Enforcement staff will be cross-training within the unit throughout the next few months to ensure each analyst has experience in investigating all types of cases, knowledge of continuing education auditing, and processing correspondence from probationers.

### Statistics:

- A. We are providing the priority/category of complaints, ranging from urgent to routine. That information is on attachment “7Bi” for Optometry and Opticianry.
- B. Probation monitoring statistics are available on the quarterly complaint statistics logs. There are currently a total of 8 licensees (OPT/OPN) on probation. Of these, 1 probationer is tolled and not receiving credit toward the completion of probation. 1 probationer was revoked during this quarter.
- C. Continuing Education Audits statistics are provided as attachment “7Bii”. 34 audits have been completed in the quarter. Of the 34 completed, the statistics show 68 percent have passed (11 failed, 23 passed).

Below are Fiscal Year 2023-24 Quarter 2 enforcement actions taken by the Board:

### Citations Issued

**Amador Avila, Vincent (SLD 40417, CLD 8187)  
 Perris, CA**

Effective November 30, 2023, a citation was issued to Vincent Amador Avila, (SLD

40417, CLD 8187) for Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered dispensing optician (BPC § 2555.5(k)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's Spectacle Lens Dispenser profile](#) and [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's Contact Lens Dispenser profile](#).

**Dossa, Faiza (OPT 12922)**  
**Berkeley, CA**

On November 28, 2023, a \$1,050 citation was issued to Faiza Dossa (OPT 12922) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile](#).

**Fah, Monique Kenien (OPT 14749)**  
**Malibu, CA**

On November 30, 2023, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Monique Kenien Fah (OPT 14749) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on her license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile](#).

**Hansen, Sally Elizabeth (OPT 15416)**  
**Arroyo Grande, CA**

On December 14, 2023, a \$650 citation was issued to Sally Hansen (OPT 15416) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile](#).

**Hixson, Thomas Mark (OPT 7490)**  
**La Mesa, CA**

On October 3, 2023, a \$5,000.00 citation was issued to Dr. Thomas Mark Hixson, O.D. (OPT 7490) for failure to apply for and obtain a Fictitious Name Permit prior to advertising that fictitious name, holding himself out as a "Low Vision Specialist", and failure to cooperate and participate with a Board investigation (BPC §§ 3078(a), 3099, 3100, 3110(a), CCR §§ 1518(a), and 1582(a)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile](#).

**Inoue (Choi), Maria A. (unlicensed)**  
**Whittier, CA**

On November 30, 2023, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Maria A. Inoue (Choi) (unlicensed) for using a Phoropter to check/change clientele prescriptions without a current optometrist license. (BPC §§ 2540, 3040(a), 3110(a), and 3110(s)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action](#).

**Kim, Paul Kisang (OPT 10618)**  
**Sacramento, CA**

On December 14, 2023, a \$5,000.00 citation was issued to Dr. Paul Kisang Kim, O.D. (OPT 10618), for failure to apply for and obtain a Fictitious Name Permit prior to advertising that fictitious name, failure to apply for and obtain appropriate licensure prior

to practicing at a location, and failure to cooperate with a Board investigation (BPC §§ 3070(a), 3078(a), 3110(a), CCR §§ 1510, and 1582(a)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.](#)

**Montgomery, Craig (OPT 33559)  
Chico, CA**

On November 28, 2023, a \$2,000.00 citation was issued to Craig Montgomery (OPT 33559) for a criminal conviction of Driving Under the Influence and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§ 3110(a), (f), (k), and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Nguyen, Deanna Anh Thu (OPT 15403)  
San Francisco, CA**

On November 16, 2023, a \$900 citation was issued to Deanna Anh Thu Nguyen (OPT 15403) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on her license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e) and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Prijatel, Louis Stephen (OPT 5199)  
Lake Elsinore, CA**

On November 30, 2023, a \$400 modified citation was issued to Louis Stephen Prijatel (OPT 5199) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**See, Diane Griffith (OPT 8477)  
Oxnard, CA**

On November 28, 2023, a \$650 citation was issued to Diane Griffith See (OPT 8477) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal (BPC §§ 3110(a), 3059(e), and CCR §§ 1536(b) and (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Steiner, Richard Forest (OPT 6598)  
Valley Center, CA**

On December 5, 2023, a \$900 citation was issued to Richard Forest Steiner (OPT 6598) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR §1536(b), (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Truong, Vinh Quoc (OPT 11322)  
Rowland Heights, CA**

On December 5, 2023, a \$2,500 citation was issued to Vinh Quoc Truong (OPT 11322) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR §1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Tsai, Ivan Young (OPT 11335)****Huntington Beach, CA**

On November 21, 2023, a \$900 citation was issued to Ivan Young Tsai (OPT 11335) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b), (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Vo, Kristie Anh (OPT 11402)****Mira Loma, CA**

On November 7, 2023, a \$900 citation was issued to Kristie Anh Vo (OPT 11402) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on her license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a), (j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Zisman, Frank (OPT 5802)****San Francisco, CA**

On December 14, 2023, a \$900 modified citation was issued to Frank Zisman (OPT 5802) for failing to meet the continuing optometric education (CE) requirements within the 2020-2022 renewal cycle and certifying under penalty of perjury on his license renewal that the CE requirements were met (BPC §§ 3110(a)(j), 3059(e), and CCR § 1536(b), (l)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or to view the doctor's license profile.](#)

**Pending Accusations****Smith, Lesha (SLD 42013)****Sacramento, CA**

On October 19, 2023, an Accusation was filed against the registration of Lesha Smith (SLD 42013), for Conviction of Substantially Related Crimes and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§ 490(a), (b), (c), 2555.5 (a), (k), and CCR Title 16 § 1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

**Probation****Young, Lawrence Edwin (OPT 8618)****Coarsegold, CA 93614**

Effective October 26, 2023, the license of Lawrence Edwin Young (OPT 8618) was revoked, the revocation was stayed, and placed on probation for five years for Act of Sexual Abuse, Misconduct, or Relations with A Patient (BPC §§ 3110, 3110(m)(2), and CCR title 16 § 1517(c)(7)). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the doctor's profile.](#)

**Revocation****Summers, Brianna (SLD 41814)****Burbank, CA**

Effective October 26, 2023, the Spectacle Lens Dispenser registration of Brianna Summers (SLD 41814) with an address of record in Burbank, CA, was revoked, for multiple probation violations. [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's profile.](#)

### **Surrendered**

#### **Bartell, Cesar Raul (OPT 13408)**

##### **Sisseton, SD**

Effective October 26, 2023, the license of Cesar Raul Bartell (OPT 13408), with an address of record in Sisseton, SD, was voluntarily surrendered. Respondent sustained a Criminal Conviction for Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Child Under 14, Acts Punishable as a Sexually Related Crime, and Unprofessional Conduct (BPC §§ 3110(k), 3110(m), and 3110). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the licensee's profile.](#)

#### **Daghlawi, May (SLD 42336, CLD 8662)**

##### **Eastvale, CA**

On December 7, 2023, the registrations of May Daghlawi (SLD 42336, CLD 8662) were voluntarily surrendered for Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime, and Dangerous Use of Alcohol (BPC §§ 490, 2555.1, 2555.5(a), (k), (l), and 2557.1 in conjunction with CCR title 16 § 1399.270). [Click here to obtain a copy of the action or view the registrant's SLD profile.](#) [Click here to view the registrant's CLD profile.](#)